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## OFFICERS SEEK TRUCE WITH MOUNTAINEERS

## THIRTEEN DEATHS IN AIR SERVICE ARE CHARGED TO **MISMANAGEMENT**

FORMER LIEUTENANT IN AIR MAIL SERVICE CITES THIRTEEN SPECIFIC CASES WHERE INEFFICIENCY WAS PERSHING WILL CAUSE OF FATAL ACCIDENTS

CHICAGO, May 12. — Specific Air Mail Service killed in the air mall service because of what he termed "gross mismanagement inefficiency and criminal negligence" by officials, were made by Lieutenant C. C. Eversole, in testimony presented to the government today through a federal committee which has been conducting a secret investigation of air mall conditions. killed in the air mail service because

air mail field officials were drunk while on duty and staged wild parties which inexpacitated them for duty. It dealt chiefly with deaths and accidents alleged to have been due to inefficiency by the men in charge and remedial recommendations.

The thirteen men killed and the reasons ascribed by Eversole's evidence for their deaths, follow:

1. Carl Smith, pilot, Killed in fall at Elizabethtown, N. J., said to have been sent into service with inefficient training and to have been as-

Officials Scoff

**Eversole Charge** [Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 13—
Emphatic denials were made here today by high officials of the postof-

which has been conducting a secret investigation of air mail conditions.

Lieutenant Eversole's testimony, which has extended over several days, made a statement of more than 100,000 words. He was discharged from the air mail service Tuesday, the day after his first testimony was given before the committee.

Members of the committee today is made from the evidence were afficult in the evidence were afficult in the evidence were afficult in the changes new in the service, all of which confirmed Lieutenant Eversole's charges, and the mute evidence of a statement written by Pilot J. P. Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks

Death On Gallows [Republican A. P. Leased Wire] SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 13.—

Two California

Lads Saved From

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 13.—
A bill prohibiting capital punishment for persons under 18 years of age was signed by Governor Stephens today. The bill was amended in the final hours of the legislature to place the burden of proof of age on the defendant.

A reprieve from May 20 to Aug. 19 of the death sentence of Walter Lee Smith, convicted of murder in Monterey county and sentenced to hang at San Quentin prison, was granted by the governor pending further investigation of Smith's assertion that he is under 18 years of age. Action under the bill in behalf of Arthur Owen Davis of Terre Haute. Ind., is expected. Young Davis is the convisted slayer of City Marshal Reives of Redding, Cal., and has been sentenced to be hanged.

BECOME ACTUAL

General Pershing will be relieved of all administrative and detail duties by Gerenal Harbord and will be free to direct the large aspects of the military establishment, partic ularly the organization and training of the national guard and the organred reserves.
In announcing his decision, Secre

tary Weeks made it plain that Gen. Pershing will be the real military head of the army. He said that the

take any action which would be construed as an assistance to or approval of the soviet government of Russia, the executive council of the American Federation of Labor warned in its annual report, which was completed here today.

The council, in a lengthy declaration, which will be presented to the annual convention in Denver, condemns the soviet government as not being representative of the Russian people and declares it to be annual people and declares to the union labor movement. The report it is understood, crifficizes the socialist party for its alleged support of the communists and representative of the solution of the communists and representative of the solution of the communists and representative of the said, was the last country from the last country from the last country in Europe which should complain the least country for the last country from the last country

The non-partisan program of the federation during the last year is declared to have been a success in the council's report which recommends that this work be continued.

The railway men's action took the form of a decision by the executive committee that members would not that this work be continued.

FOUR ENLISTED MEN BLOWN TO DEATH AT FORT SILL ARSENAL

LAWTON, Okla., May 13 .- Four enlisted men of the Seventh ordnance depot detachment at Fort Sill, Okla., were instantly killed late today when 500 pounds of black gunpowder, condemned and ordered destroyed, exploded prematurely. The men literally were blown to pieces. Search continuing until darkness resulted in the finding only of fragments of the

bodies.

The dead are: Private Luther D. Gee, 21, Snyder, Okla.; Private James W. Talley, 26, father Charles Talley, Vulcan, Mo.; Private David C. Monroe, 20, sister Mrs. Jennie Morrison, lives at 37 South Second street, Elizabeth, N. J.; Royal J. Clark, 20, mother Mrs. Laura Clark, lives on rural route No. 4, Cedarville, Iowa.

SLACKER'S MOTHER SAYS SHE DID NOT BUY LIBERTY BONDS

Pastor's Appeal Is Answered By Bad Check Artist

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] RIVERSIDE, Calif., May 13— The paster of a local church was taking a special collection. Eighteen dollars in small change had been received but \$2 more was needed. After repeated pleadings by the minister a stranger arose and said: "If you will cash my check I'll

make it \$20." The offer was accepted and the stranger departed with the entire

That was last Sunday evening Today the pastor reported to the police that the check had been returned marked "no funds." The stranger had disappeared,

Step To Aid Miners

The railway men's action took the

WASHINGTON, May 13.-Not dollar of the \$105,000 gold obtained from the treasury was put in a pot for burial in the mountains, Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll of Philadelphia testified today before a house committee investigating the escape of Grove C. Bergdoll beautiful to the state of Grove C. Bergdoll beautiful to the same of Grove C. Bergdoll beautiful to the same of Grove C. Bergdoll beautiful to the same of the same Grover C. Bergdoll, her slacker son.

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Says No Trace Of

Reorganization Of Goodyear Rubber Co.

Alleged German Agent Expelled From Rhineland

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] COBLENZ, May 13—The interallied commission has ordered expelled from occupied territory, Franz Schulenberg, who was arrested in the United States during the war as an alleged German agent and charged with implication in plots.

A dispatch from San Francis-co, Dec. 26, 1917, said that a woman designated only as "H" and said to be prominent in the German secret service, directed the activities of Franz Schulenberg, arrested as a spy and held on a presidential warrant. Schu-lenberg was said to have been ac-tive in plans to destroy bridges and public buildings in Canada and vessels and warehouses at Pacific ports.

Again picking up the trail of the treasure, the committee found it and then lost it, for Mrs. Bergdoll frankly declared that she had buried it somewhere around Philadelphia, that nobody else knew the spot, and that it was just where she placed it nearly two years ago. The graft dodger's mother was positive in the statement she never took it to Hagerstown, Md., where it was supposed to be.

Mrs. Bergdoll declared that does tors, lawyers and others had cost her npwards of \$30,000 since her son's escape.

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WASHINGTON, May 13.—A serious problem confronts federal prohibition enforcement officials in the prevention of sales of alcohol, ostensibly for medicinal and industrial purposes, which later are diverted in its like that need to be the statement she never took it to Hagerstown, Md., where it was supposed to be.

Mrs. Bergdoll declared that federal agents have established something like good control over the liegal whiskey traffic, but that the new task was rapidly developing into one of magnitude.

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Bergdoll declared that less than a week ago she had sent Grover, who is in Germany, \$10,000.

"What is Grover's intention about staying in Germany?" John H. Sherburne, counsel for the committee, asked, and Mrs. Bergdoll's eyes sparkled.

"As soon as the armistice Is signed he is coming home," and the laughter infuriated her.

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Mr. Kramer said the law which Mr. Wr. Kramer said the law which Mr. Wolstead has proposed to supplement his first dry code "goes to the source of the evils" and makes positive and definite the powers of federal officials on enforcement work. The rulling of former Attorney General Falmer permitting prescription of beer as a medicine had upset the bureau's policy with respect to beer, Mr. Kramer said, adding that the ruling had opened the stable door for some—"The train crew reports six tramps killed. A coroner left for the scene

ernment control, "threaten the permanency of private ownership" in

One reason for delay in getting the Britain favors cancellation.

TERRORIZED WOMEN AND CHILDREN SEEK SHELTER IN CELLARS AS BULLETS HAIL ON NEARBY TOWNS

VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS REFUSE TO ACCEPT TRUCE UNLESS FORCE ON KENTUCKY SIDE OF RIVER ALSO AGREES TO STOP FIRING

(Bulletin)

WILLIAMSON, W. Vt., May 13-An emissary of the state forces taking part in the battle which has raged for days in the Mingo mountains along the Tug river, late tonight approached the stronghold of a leader of the mountaineers under a flag of truce and asked that the mountain men cease firing into villages in this region. This information was received here tonight from Chief Deputy Sheriff John Hall, who sent one of his men into the hills to confer with the attacking party.

Hall reported to Sheriff A. C. Pinson that his emissary, carrying a piece of white muslin on a stick reached the party of men who were raining bullets into a nearby town. The mountaineers respected the white flag and when the deputy made known his mission of peace, according to Hall, a leader of the forces opposed to the state officers replied that the hill men would accept a truce only when the firing from the Kentucky side of the river had ceased.

12 Freight Cars

THREE KILLED YESTERDAY WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 13.— Three men are reported by state troopers to have been killed today in a terrific battle firing at McCarr and telephone reports to the office of the New Howard Coal company at Cate, indicated that 40 miners are sur-rounded by belilgerent forces. Cap-tain Brockus, with 15 state police boarded an engine bound for the sent of trouble shorth after to clear. of trouble shortly after I o'clock. The firing is reported to be increasing in

"Well, there are thousands of other slackers, and they never mention anybody's boy but mine," she cried "There are plenty of them in Philadelphia—nearer home than Germany" the prohibition other continued, "even we are being pressed by doctors and others for our authority for limiting permits and authority for limiting permits and authority for limiting permits and she were and significant train at Eagle Flat siding, authority for limiting permits and authority for limiting permits and authority for limiting permits and she were and significant train at Eagle Flat siding, authority for limiting permits and authority for limiting permits and authority for limiting permits and she were an everything." The Palmer opinion seems to with the wrecking train.

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Missing Navy Tug

of the senate interstate commerce committee, said today during cross champion, and Rocky Kansas of Buffalo, will meet in a 12-round bout at champion, and Rocky Kansas of Buffalo, will meet in a 12-round bout at champion, and Rocky Kansas of Buffalo, will meet in a 12-round bout at champion.

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Continuation riot call was turned in but the crowd had dispersed before the police arrived

MAY CANCEL GERMAN PENALTIES

Mr. Krittischnitt said the growing claims under the guarantee arose out of under-maintenance of railroad between the allies concerning the cancellation of the allied penalties, especially the property of the secondary of the Ruhr ports in pripment and road beds during the lally the Rhine customs barrier and the occupation of the Ruhr ports, in view of Germany's acceptance of the terms. It is reported here that Great

> BROWN AND VASQUEZ DRAW TUCSON, May 13-Joe Brown of the Pacific coast and Mike Vasquez of El Paso fought 10 fast rounds to a draw here tonight. In fighting on the part of Vasquez and Brown's aggress veness featured.

TROOPS PROTECT GALVESTON SHIPPING GALVESTON, Tex., May 13—Major General Dickman commanding the larged the learning adjourned until Mon Eighth corps area. Fort Sam Houston today ordered Colonel Covington of the South. States shipping board vessels in the harbor het

## GRAIN EXCHANGES PASSES IN SENATE: MAY CLOSE BOARDS

CHICAGO BOARD MAY CLOSE CHICAGO. May 12—The Chicago Board of Trade, the world's greatest late dealines in grain natives, may withdraw from the business if the Tincher bill to requise bate dealines in grain natives which late and the sum and store the to reduce the tween of the committee. The membership of a dealines of the total membership of the tween of the total membership of the tween of the total membership of government of the board. WashingTon May 12—Dr. Hill office of the federation in a statement tonight. The membership of government late of the board in a statement tonight. "Our report is most country while I do not speak with authors with preparation of the corporation of the corporation of the corporation of the country. While I do not speak with authors while I do not speak with authors while I do not speak the world was a late ment to p

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The places rather than submit to the intrincher bill to regulate dealings in tolerable, untain and arbitrary features was passed today by ures of this bill. The exchanges in The vote was 25% to 5%. The measure is designed to abolish the practice in grain markets of "puts" and "calls" in their business, they have on such transactiors. A similar tax on such transactiors. A similar tax is provided on contracts for future delivery, made outside of "contract markets" to be designated by the secretary of agriculture, except when the seller is the actual possessor of the grain.

The exchanges do not protest regulation and if there be of evil in their business, they have not protest regulation and if there be of evil in their business, they have not objection to legislation if they themselves fail to eradicate such evit. "The Tincher bill, as originally durified met with the approval of representatives of the farmers, milliers, country and terminal grain dealiers, country and terminal grain dealiers and the grain exchanges of the United States. This favorable expression was predicated upon the theiry that the bill would be presented to a normal level.

The non-partisan program of the federation during the last year is defectanted to have been a success in the country which it where the socialist party for its olleged support of the communists and other radical elements in this country. The I, W. W. are also content to the series fail to eradicate such evit. "The Tincher bill, as originally durified where a provided the provided such that a provided the section of the sect ed to congress with certain amend-ments which were accepted by the